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In re Application of: Akio Sekiya)
Application No.: 09/453,568)
Filed: December 2, 1999)
For: COMPUTING METHOD FOR)
ACCOUNTING)

**DECISION ON PETITION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181 TO
RESET PERIOD FOR REPLY
DUE TO LATE RECEIPT**

This is a decision on the petition filed on January 22, 2002, requesting that the shortened statutory period for reply set forth in the Office communication mailed on October 19, 2001 be reset to run from the date on which the Office communication was actually received at the correspondence address of record.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner provided a statement that the Office communication in question was received at the correspondence address of record on January 14, 2002. The petition was filed within two weeks of receipt of the Office communication. A substantial portion of the set reply period had elapsed on the date of receipt. Furthermore, the Office communication was mailed between October 13, 2001 and January 2, 2002, when delivery of mail from the Office to certain regions of the country was delayed.

Accordingly, the shortened statutory period that was originally set forth in the Office communication originally mailed on October 19, 2001 is hereby reset to run **FROM THE RECEIPT DATE OF** January 14, 2002.

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